

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0060] with the following amended paragraph:

[0060] In another preferred embodiment, the present invention provides a process for the use of the inventive catalysts as described in our co-filed application Ser. No. / 10/728,310, entitled "Process for Liquid Phase Hydrogenation" by Marvin M. Johnson, Edward R. Peterson, and Sean C. Gattis, hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph [0061] with the following amended paragraph:

[0061] The acetylenic compound will typically be absorbed in a non-hydrocarbon solvent, and the non-hydrocarbon solvent may be a polar solvent including, but not limited to: n-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP), ~~dimethylformamide (DMF)~~, acetone, tetrahydrofuran (THF), dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO), and monomethylamine (MMA).